

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a listing of all claims in this application, with an indication of the status of each, and a strikethrough and underlining to show changes:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A hard copy creation method comprising:

recording an image on a recording medium on a side of an image recording surface; and

forming a transparent coat layer, having asperities, on a designated area of said image recording surface, wherein the asperities are formed using shape data of describing the asperities, wherein the shape data corresponds to the textures of materials of objects forming said image, wherein said recording step is performed by modulating an image recording unit according to digital image data, and an image obtained by reproducing said digital image data as a visible image is displayed for indication of said designated area, and

wherein formation of said transparent coat layer with respect to said designated area is performed according to a result of area extraction by analysis of said digital image data.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The hard copy creation method according to claim 7,

wherein said shape data describing said asperities is created in correspondence with one or more of a texture of metal type material, a texture of resin type material, a texture of cloth type material, and a texture of wood type material.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The hard copy creation method according to
2 claim 7,
3 wherein said shape data describing said asperities has one or more
4 of information concerning a difference of height in said asperities of said
5 transparent coat layer, a formation frequency of said asperities of said
6 transparent coat layer, a formation density of said asperities of said
7 transparent coat layer, a coagulation pattern of said asperities of said
8 transparent coat layer, and a thickness of said transparent coat layer.

12-19. (Canceled)